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Lake Texoma preparing for winter season, not closing down

TULSA, Okla. -- The staff at the Corps of Engineers Texoma Area Office wants to make sure lake visitors get this message: Lake Texoma is *not* being shut down – it's just getting ready for the winter months, according to Harry Duncan, Texoma Area Manager.

“We’ve received a lot of phone calls and have heard rumors that people think Texoma is being shut down for the winter. This is not the case,” Duncan said.

Part of the concern may be because gates have been erected during the past few weeks to shut off some of Texoma’s campsites for the winter and to block off some areas during times of flooding. Erecting permanent gates instead of portable wooden barricades is a cost savings endeavor the Corps is initiating. The gates won’t require as much repair or the daily inspection tours as the wooden barricades normally do.

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This cost saving effort will provide additional funds to maintain the lake the rest of the year, since operating budgets are being reduced.

“Our desire is to provide the public with the best facilities at the lowest cost in an effective but efficient manner. We believe that reducing our winter maintenance costs is an efficient cost saving measure that will affect the fewest visitors,” Duncan said.

Except for those parks that are normally closed for the winter, no other total park closures are anticipated at Texoma.

“We’re asking our visitors to bear with us,” Duncan said. “We hope they’ll understand that it remains our goal to work through these times of dwindling resources and still retain the ability to serve their needs. Their cooperation and assistance is appreciated.”